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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP)
Request for Ad Hoc Expert Nominations; Notice of Public Meeting**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency is issuing this notice to announce the opportunity to provide additional nominations for experts to serve as ad hoc members for the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) reviewing physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modeling to address pharmacokinetic differences between and within species on six selected pesticidal active ingredients. This meeting of the FIFRA SAP, originally scheduled for October 24-27, 2017, has been postponed until 2018. New dates for this meeting will be announced in a separate notice.

DATES: The meeting will be rescheduled for 2018. The Agency will issue another announcement once the new date for the SAP meeting on PBPK modeling has been determined.

Nominations. Nominations of candidates to serve as ad hoc members of FIFRA SAP for this meeting should be provided on or before *[insert date 30 days from date of publication in the Federal Register]*. See Request for Nominations section for more detail.

Submit nominations to serve as ad hoc members of FIFRA SAP, requests for special accommodations, or requests to present oral comments to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marqueea D. King, DFO, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7201M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 202-564-3626; email address: king.marqueea@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may be of interest to persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) and FIFRA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

Request for nominations to serve as ad hoc expert members of FIFRA SAP for this meeting. As part of a broader process for developing a pool of candidates, FIFRA SAP staff routinely solicits the stakeholder community for nominations of prospective candidates for service as ad hoc members of FIFRA SAP. Both U.S. citizens and permanent residents who can demonstrate they are actively seeking U.S. citizenship will be considered. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to be considered as prospective candidates for a specific meeting. Individuals nominated for this meeting should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: PBPK modeling, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamic (PD) modeling, *in vitro* to *in vivo* extrapolation, human health risk assessment, neurotoxicity, organophosphate pesticides, pyrethroids pesticides, *N*-methyl carbamate pesticides, fungicides, acetylcholinesterase inhibition, and exposure assessment. Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of

providing expert comments on the scientific issues for this meeting. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, email address, and telephone number.

Nominations should be provided to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before *[insert date 30 days from date of publication in the Federal Register]*.

The Agency will consider all nominations of prospective candidates for this meeting that are received on or before that date. However, final selection of ad hoc members for this meeting is a discretionary function of the Agency.

The selection of scientists to serve on FIFRA SAP is based on the function of the Panel and the expertise needed to address the Agency's charge to the Panel. No interested scientists shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or agency or their employment by a Federal department or agency, except EPA. Other factors considered during the selection process include availability of the potential Panel member to fully participate in the Panel's review, absence of any conflicts of interest or appearance of lack of impartiality, independence with respect to the matters under review, and lack of bias. Although financial conflicts of interest, the appearance of lack of impartiality, lack of independence, and bias may result in disqualification, the absence of such concerns does not assure that a candidate will be selected to serve on FIFRA SAP. Numerous qualified candidates are identified for each Panel. Therefore, selection decisions involve carefully weighing a number of factors including the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications and achieving an overall balance of different scientific perspectives on the Panel.

FIFRA SAP members are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634 --Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, Qualified Trusts, and Certificates of Divestiture, as supplemented by EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. In anticipation of this requirement, prospective candidates for service on FIFRA SAP will be asked to submit confidential financial information which shall fully disclose, among

other financial interests, the candidate's employment, stocks, and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. EPA will evaluate the candidate's financial disclosure form to assess whether there are financial conflicts of interest, appearance of a lack of impartiality, or any prior involvement with the development of the documents under consideration (including previous scientific peer review) before the candidate is considered further for service on FIFRA SAP.

Those who are selected from the pool of prospective candidates will be asked to attend the public meetings and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings. In addition, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes and the final meeting report. The list of FIFRA SAP members participating at this meeting will be posted on the FIFRA SAP website at <https://www.epa.gov/sap> or may be obtained from the OPP Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

II. Background

Purpose of FIFRA SAP

The Agency is issuing this notice to announce the opportunity to provide additional nominations for experts to serve as ad hoc members for the FIFRA SAP reviewing PBPK modeling to address pharmacokinetic differences between and within species on six selected pesticidal active ingredients. The meeting, originally scheduled for October 24-27, 2017 as announced in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2017 (82 FR 26086) (FRL 9962-78), has been postponed until 2018. The new meeting dates will be announced once they are selected. For additional information, please visit the public docket for this meeting at <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0180), the FIFRA SAP Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sap> or contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et. seq.*; 21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*

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